

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

In order to read a reasonably broad spectrum of political and cultural opinions and point of view, I have come to rely more and more on foreign (mostly European) media and a few small circulation American publications that are surviving precariously at the moment. Virtually all larger media sources are dominated by a center-right point of view, resulting in an embarrassing narrowness of opinion (perceived as ignorance abroad). Americans cannot play a constructive role in the world if our perceptions continue to be formed by "corporate" media domination.